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Secretary Marlene Dortch Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Secretary Dortch,

Please work to help families and businesses bridge the digital divide by allowing for free broadband internet access. With the ability to use broadband, more businesses will be able to operate on-line and reach beyond their immediate area, allowing them to grow their business. With broadband, more families will be able to receive important news and information.

The proposal by M2Z Networks before the FCC would provide free, fast and family-friendly broadband to all American families and businesses. This country needs more internet access. provided to everyone and provided in a safe environment. I'm concerned for the smaller communities, and the families and businesses that cannot afford broadband, or do not have access in their area. In fact, only 42% of American homes currently have broadband connections. No American should be left behind because the option does not currently exist.

I ask you to help make this option available to everyone by supporting Docket # 07-16. Doing so will serve to keep Americans connected, not separated simply because of where they live or their economic situation.

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